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PRIVATISATION OF LONG DISTANCE TELECOM SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make a new policy for allowing the entry of private sector in the field of long distance telecom services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) - Entry of private sector in the field of long distance telecom services is already envisaged in the New Telecom Policy` 1999 (NTP` 99). This was with a view to promote setting up long distance bandwidth capacity in the country,provide a choice to the consumers and promote competition. With a view to achieve these objectives all access providers are to be mandatorily required to provide interconnection to the long distance operators resulting in choice for the subscribers.